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SUBJECT: RABIN BRIEFS CABINET ON US VISIT: OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE

1. FOLLOWING IS COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT END OF FEBRUARY 8
CABINET MEETING.

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE PRIME MINISTER GAVE A DETAILED
REVIEW OF HIS TALKS IN THE UNITED STATES WITH THE
PRESIDENT, WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND WITH THE
GFOREIGN AFFAIRS AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES OF BOTH
HOUSES OF CONGRESS, AS WELL AS OF HIS MEETINGS WITH
JEWISH COMMUNITIES AND THEIR LEADERS, AND WITH PUBLIC
REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRESS.

3. UPON CONCLUSION OF THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS IN THE
WAKE OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S REPORT, THE FOLLOWING
SUMMATION WAS ADOPTED:

"THE CABINET EXPRESSED ITS CONFIDENCE THAT THE
PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT CONTRIBUTED TO A DEEPENING
OF THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE PEOPLE
AND ADMINISTRATION IN THE UNITED STATES, TO
ISRAEL'S STRENGTHENING AND TO PROMOTION OF THE
PEACE EFFORTS IN THE REGION.

"THE ARMS PROCUREMENT LISTS ISSUE WAS CLARIFIED

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IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S REPORT AND IN COMMENTS BY

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE. IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT IN THE KNESSET WOULD INCLUDE A GENERAL CLARIFICATION REGARDING THIS SUBJECT. THE BASIS OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S REPORT AND THE DEFENCE MINISTER'S ELUCIDATIONS AT THE CABINET SESSION."

4. IN THE CONTEXT OF HIS REPORT AT THE SESSIIN, THE PRIME MINISTER FURTHER CLARIFIED HIS COMMENTS CONCERNING THE WNEED WHICH EMERGED TO SUBMIT AN AMENDED ARMS PROCUREMENT LIST.

5. THE PRIME MINISTER EMPHASIZED THAT BOTH APPROVAL OF THE LISTS SUBMITTED AND THEIR EVENTUAL AMENDMENT WERE EFFECTED UPON THE RESPONSIBILITY AND AGREEMENT OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE. THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE GAVE A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF THE PROCESS OF COMPILING THE ARMS PROCUREMENT LISTS AND THE PROFOUND PREPARATORY WORK DONE IN THIS CONNECTION AT THE GENERAL STAFF AND AT THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE.

6. THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE ALSO CLARIFIED THE MILITARY, POLITICAL AND FINANCIAL ASPECTS INVOLVED IN THE PROCESSES OF ARMS PROCUREMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES. END TEXT.

7. PRESS ANALYSIS FOLLOWS SEPTTEL.
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